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## Council takes oath; Special Election to be held Dec. 10

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Indian Community experienced something that has never happened before in its election history — a tie in the race for the chairman's seat.

On Nov. 6, incumbent Kurt Perron tied challenger Levi Carrick, Sr. in the chairman's race, both garnering 304 votes from the tribal membership. As a result, when the rest of the council was sworn in on Nov. 11, the tribal chairman's seat was declared vacant pending a special election per Bay Mills Constitution, as the term had expired with no declared winner. The special election will be held on Dec. 10, where the candidate must have 51 percent of the vote in order to be declared the winner.

While the seat for chair is considered "vacant" pending election, John Paul Lufkins was elected vice-chair, defeating Randy Touchtone 315-297. Lufkins, who formerly served as council treasurer, will serve as acting chairman until the seat is decided by voters.

The seat for councilperson will remain unchanged as incumbent

Dwight "Bucko" Teeple defeated Terry E. Carrick, 337-271.

Two new faces will join the council this term. Gerald "Jerry" Parish took the lead at the polls over challenger Stacey Walden, 372-245. Parish, former Bureau of Indian Affairs superintendent, will be serving as treasurer. Tony LeBlanc defeated incumbent Richard LeBlanc, 338-261. Tony LeBlanc, a self-employed tribal commercial fisherman, has been seated as secretary.

When Levi Carrick, Sr. chose to run for the chairman's seat, his seat as chief judge was vacated. In the race for chief judge, Bryan Newland defeated his opponent, Leah Parish, 340-247. In the appellate judge race, one seat was open, vacated by Justin Teeple, who ran for chief judge and was defeated in the primary. Voted into the appellate judge seat was Robert Passage, who defeated Dan Tadgerson, 353-233.

The following individuals were also voted in for seats on the Conservation Committee: Tim Kinney, Sr., Shawn Hascall, Roger L. Parish, Ryan Malloy, and Jacques LeBlanc, Jr.

The special election for the chair-



**SWEARING IN CEREMONY** — Elected candidates took the oath of office on Monday, Nov. 11. Above, L-R, Vice Chairman John Paul Lufkins (acting chair), Secretary Tony LeBlanc, Treasurer Gerald "Jerry" Parish, and Councilperson Dwight "Bucko" Teeple.

man's seat will take place at the Armella Parker Building on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Any registered voter who will not be able to cast his/her ballot in person may request the Election Committee

to issue him/her an absentee ballot. Such requests may be made in person or by mail and signed by the person requesting the ballot.

But, in any case, the request must be made 36 hours before the Election. Reason for requesting

absentee ballot must be given, as absentee ballots are for individuals unable to vote in person.

Direct your request to the Bay Mills Tribal Office, 12140 W. Lakeshore Dr., Brimley, MI 49715, Attn: Election Committee.

## FOIA reveals NRC disregarded public input concerning wolf hunt

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

The National Wolfwatcher Coalition has learned through a Freedom of Information Act request that Michigan Natural Resources Commission disregarded public input prior to deciding the rules and regulations for this year's wolf hunt. The hunt, which began Friday, Nov. 15, will coincide with firearm deer season.

According to an inquiry made by the NWC, DNR officials admitted to having never categorized the thousands of comments received. Many comments were never even opened. The group gathered a pool of volunteers and after deleting all duplicates sorted through 4,904 comments.

"Every way we looked at it, there was strong opposition to the wolf hunt," says Nancy Warren, Great Lakes Regional director. "Over 3,600 comments opposing the hunt came from other states and even foreign countries, "so, we

honed in just on Michigan residents," said Warren.

The FOIA reveals that 1,206 Michigan residents expressed opposition to the wolf hunt or aspects of it (99 percent) and only 13 Michigan residents wrote comments expressing support for the wolf hunt.

"Many individuals who we knew had submitted comments asking for a delay in the hunt were not shown in the database, so we dug further," Warren said.

Not only were some messages never opened, some were actually hidden.

Buried among the messages was one in which NRC Chairman J.R. Richardson admitted to destroying thousands of comments prior to their becoming part of public record. There was also an email from Adam Bump who instructed a DNR employee to place the comments in a "shred" folder, which is a type of delete file that cannot be recovered.

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## Group raises awareness about bullying

By Shar Myers  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Motivated by the suicide of a friend's 10-year-old son following a bullying incident and his own childhood expe-

riences, Jeremy Miller is determined to make a difference in his community.

In September, he began organizing a grassroots march, presentation and dance under the banner of "Taking Steps Toward A Bully Free Future." With backing from Bay Mills Indian Community, of which Miller is a tribal member, he had lined up prizes, speakers, food, a photographer and a deejay in time for the Oct. 26 event.

About 80 participants showed up at the BMIC tribal center at 10 on a blustery morning. Fortified by hot cocoa provided by Kings Club Casino, the group proceeded about a mile west on Lakeshore Drive to the Armella Parker Senior Center, where a lunch by donation was available as well as an Indian taco sale.

Toni Hutchins of the St. Ignace group, "Straits Area Autistics," joined the march and is a big supporter of the program. Miller said autistic children are often the brunt of bully attacks.

Amy Perron, director of BMIC Social Services, talked about Michigan's anti-bullying law and the impact bullying has on both the bully and the victim. Jim LeBlanc, a practicing therapist with a masters degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and also co-owner of Dancing Crane Coffee Shop, provided information on suicide prevention and offered help to anyone suffering from

bullying. Several young people shared their own stories of bullying and the impact it has had on their lives.

Miller said about 100 people took part, coming and going throughout the day. Through raffle and 50/50 sales as well as Indian taco sales, \$695 was raised. The money will be used to continue the program, which Miller is dedicated to pursuing further. He has high hopes of increasing awareness of the problem and finding ways to lessen its occurrence.

His goal is to offer presentations at the local Brimley Area Schools and Ojibwe Charter School and then "expand to Eastern Upper Peninsula schools and throughout the state, if possible." Also, the march will become an annual event, with the next one planned for August 2014 in an outdoor setting with vendors.

Miller has created a Facebook page, "Taking Steps Toward A Bully Free Future," with helpful tips on how to handle bullying, warning signs for parents and information on the growing trend of cyber-bullying.

"My goal is to increase awareness of the problem. We can't stop bullying entirely but hopefully we can arm kids with information to make it less harmful to them."

For more information, call Miller at 906-322-3815.

## Lady Bays take volleyball regionals



**BAYS ARE NUMBER ONE!** — On Thursday, Nov. 14, the Lady Bays took on the Pellston Hornets in St. Ignace for the regional title. The Hornets stung Brimley in the first two games, but the Bays galloped past them to take the next three games and the trophy. The team's overall record is 25-11-4, taking second in the EUP Conference, then winning both district and regional titles. Tabitha Graham was voted EUP Player of the Year for the second year in a row. Clarissa Kelly made First All Conference, Kourtney St. Peter and Kitty Breen made 2nd All Conference and Hana Vesela and Alyssa Graham received Honorable Mentions. Semi-finals took place Tuesday, Nov. 19 in Manistique with the Lady Bays facing Crystal Falls-Forest Park. (See results at [www.baymillsnews.com](http://www.baymillsnews.com)).

First row, L-R: Tabitha Graham, Alyssa Graham, Clarissa Kelly, Kaylee Hill and Valencia Lyons. Second row, L-R: Coach Lisa Moran, Kourtney St. Peter, Kiley Passmore, Madison Deuman, Christina Fultz, Hana Vesela, Kitty Breen, Jocelyn Preville, Karlyl Jerman, Manager Tressa Wisner and Assistant Coach Shelly Deuman-LeBlanc.

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## Sexual abuse allegation against deceased priest deemed credible

MARQUETTE — Officials of the Catholic Diocese of Marquette have deemed credible a recent allegation of sexual abuse of a minor against a deceased religious order priest from Belgium.

The allegation was lodged against Father Bernard ("Fr. Ben") Van der Schueren, S.J., a priest of the Society of Jesus, commonly called the Jesuits.

The complaint deals with an incident involving a boy that happened during July of 1989 when Fr. Van der Schueren filled in for a diocesan priest at St. Michael Parish in Marquette. Fr. Van der Schueren died in 2009 at the age of 86.

As soon as the allegation was received, diocesan officials immediately began following the Diocese of Marquette's Policy on Sexual Misconduct in Ministry. In keeping with that policy, the complaint was referred to Jesuit leadership, in this case, the Chicago-Detroit Province.

In addition, the Office of the Administrator of the Diocese of Marquette informed the Diocesan Review Board for the Protection of Children and Young People of the complaint, and the diocesan attorney reported the allegation to the Marquette County Prosecutor's Office.

After the complaint was lodged, the Jesuits of the Chicago-Detroit Province initiated their safeguarding procedures for sexual abuse of minors in pastoral ministries and contacted the Flemish Jesuits in Belgium. The Flemish provincial superior has committed himself to



full cooperation with the investigation. The Chicago-Detroit Province Jesuits have taken charge of dealing with the accusations. They have contacted the victim/survivor of the abuse and have offered counseling and spiritual assistance.

On behalf of the Church, Kevin Branson, Diocesan Director of Ministry Personnel, offered his sincere apologies to the victim/survivor who lodged the complaint against Fr. Van der Schueren and any other victims/survivors who may have been harmed by him.

"Our first concern is always for the victims/survivors of abuse, and we pray that all of those affected by this situation and others like it will find healing and peace," said Branson.

"If there are other victims/survivors of sexual misconduct by a priest, church worker or volunteer who have not yet made a complaint to the diocese, I encourage them to do so, no matter how long ago the abuse occurred. We want to help

them receive counseling and pastoral care on their journey toward healing."

To find support and bring a complaint of sexual misconduct to the attention of the Diocese of Marquette, please do the following:

- Call the Diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator, Sister Colleen Sweeting, toll free, at 866-857-6459; or
- Call Kevin Branson, the Diocesan Director of Ministry Personnel, at 906-227-9107 / 800-562-9745, ext. 107. If Kevin Branson is unavailable, call Father Francis Dobrzenski, the Diocesan Administrator, at (906) 227-9115 / 800-562-9745, ext. 115; or
- Write to Kevin Branson, Diocese of Marquette, 1004 Harbor Hills Drive, Marquette, MI 49855. Please mark the letter "Personal and Confidential" and indicate the means of response desired (by phone, by letter or in a meeting).

The contact people above will also help victims/survivors bring their concerns to church officials outside the diocese if the sexual misconduct occurred elsewhere and they now reside in the Diocese of Marquette.

Those who are unsure about bringing a complaint or would like further information should contact Kevin Branson as indicated above.

## Cut your own Christmas tree

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Along with your permit you will receive tree cutting guidelines, information regarding cutting areas, and suggestions for flame-proofing your tree.

The Forest is also offering something new this year — an online holiday tree-cutting photo album that will add to the fun of cutting your tree and spread the idea of getting outdoors in the winter. When you pick up your tree tag, ask for information on how to participate in the Holiday Tree-cutting Photo Album Project.

For more information about tree tags, contact the U.S. Forest Service at Manistique 906-341-5666 (Tree tags available Wednesday only); Munising 906-387-2512 (daily); Rapid River 906-474-6442 (daily); St Ignace 906-643-7900 (daily); or Sault Ste. Marie 906-635-5311 (call ahead).

## Voters approve animal shelter and library millage

By Shannon Jones  
 Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — Local voters favored animals and libraries in the Nov. 5 election, but voted down the sheriff's proposal for additional deputies to patrol in and around schools in Chippewa County.

While the defeat, 2,887 to 2,586, puts Sheriff Savoie's school security measure on hold, the news was good for the Chippewa County Animal Shelter and Superior District Library.

The animal shelter was seeking approval of .10 mills to continue treating animals that are sick and injured at the shelter. Previously the nonprofit Guardian Angels had been assisting with covering the costs, but if the group is unable to assist the shelter, animals are at risk to be euthanized.

The shelter's millage approval will allow them to continue their successful save rate — nearly 98 percent — one of the highest in the state of Michigan. Voters

approved the millage 3,355 to 2,126.

The Superior District Library also proved favorable in the eyes of voters as its millage passed 2,926 to 2,743. Their one-half mil was designed to continue providing support and operation of the library, which includes Bayliss Public Library, Brevort Township, Engadine, Les Cheneaux, Pickford, Rudyard, and contract libraries in Curtis and Drummond Island.

"Our system libraries are the heartbeat of the communities we serve. I am so pleased and proud to be a part of a community that came out to show the value of library access for everyone," said Melissa Belevender, president of the board of trustees. "On behalf of the Board to Trustees I thank those of you who spoke out for the millage, those who helped promote it, and everyone who voted to support the Superior District Library."

In other results, Sault Ste. Marie Mayor Anthony Bosbous was re-elected, as he was running unopposed for the seat. Kinross Township Parks and Recreation's bid to improve local resources was voted down 121 to 274, while Hulbert Township residents approved the fire protection millage 66 to 3.

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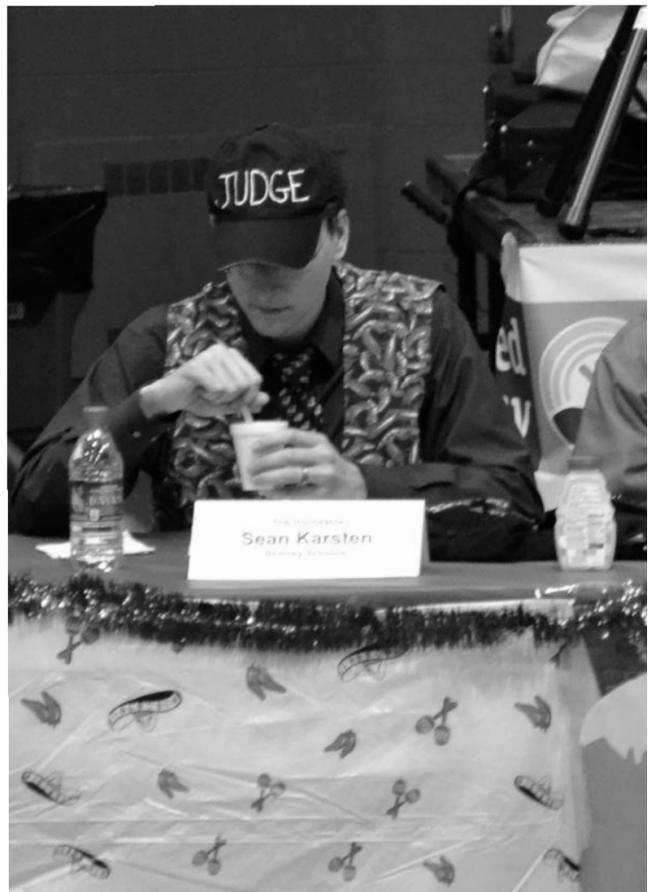
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# United Way hosts annual Chili Cook-off

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SAULT STE. MARIE — On Monday, Nov. 11 the United Way held their annual chili cook off at Lake Superior State University's Norris Center with a huge crowd in attendance.

Divisions were best white chili, best vegetarian, best professional, best mild and best hot. Also awarded were the people's choice chili and best decorated booth.

White Chili: Winner was Chippewa County Community Foundation, second was LSSU Summer Camp and third was U.S. Border Patrol.

Vegetarian Chili: Winner was New Hope/Great Lakes Recovery, second was Chippewa Health Access Coalition-War Memorial Hospital and third was Diane Pepler Resource Center-Soo Co-op Credit Union.

Professional Chili: Winner was Antlers spicy venison chili and second was Antlers white buffalo chili.

Mild Chili: Winner was Soo Eagles Hockey Team, second was Hospice of EUP and third was EUP Community Dispute Resolution.

Hot Chili: Winner was American Red Cross (pictured above), second was CHAC-WMH and third was Knights of Columbus.

People's Choice: Winner was U.S. Border Patrol, second was Hospice of the EUP and third was HOME-Kinross Lions.

Best Decorated Booth: Winner was Hospice of EUP, second was Diane Pepler Resource Center-Soo Co-op Credit Union and third was New Hope/Great lakes Recovery.



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# OPINION

## Is Michigan's wolf hunt really necessary?

By Nancy Warren

The Upper Peninsula, home to 658 wolves, according to the winter 2012 count, opened its first wolf hunting season ever on Nov. 15.

The hunt is taking place in three zones in what officials of the Department of Natural Resources call a "limited hunt" to reduce conflicts. These carefully chosen words are important because there is not strong public support for a recreational or a "trophy" hunt. Michigan residents would support reduction of wolf numbers in localized areas if it would reduce problems caused by wolves (Beyer et al. 2006).

The Wolf Management Plan acknowledges that conflicts are often caused by the behavior of a few individual wolves and management on a small scale can often address problems effectively.

Currently, producers and dog owners can kill any wolf in the act of attacking their livestock or pets. Further, if they do suffer a loss, they can be issued a permit that allows for up to 15 individuals to be listed on the permit to shoot any wolf on their property. These measures have been very effective.

Livestock losses declined 81 percent this year, compared to last year. Still, the DNR is claiming the hunt is needed. I disagree.

Wolf Management Unit A was established with the primary objective of reducing the number of nuisance wolf complaints in parts of Gogebic County. This resonates well with the public. In a DNR survey, 59 percent of respondents supported reducing wolf numbers through lethal means when human safety was a concern. However, the DNR has always had the authority to kill wolves perceived to be a threat to humans.

Over the past few years, wolves followed the abundance of deer into residential areas near Ironwood, but never actually threatened or injured anyone. However, the DNR was pro-active and authorized the killing of four wolves in 2011 and eight in 2012.

The problems used to justify the hunt appear to be resolved. If a real or perceived problem is to occur in the future, it will be resolved immediately by removing the individual animals involved, making the random killing of wolves through a hunting season unnecessary.

The stated goal of Management Unit B is "to reduce chronic livestock depredations" and the DNR used statistics from 2010 to defend the hunt. But, close examination of the records show that, from 2010 through the present, livestock depredations were confined to 10 farms within Unit B with a total of 113 individual livestock animals killed by wolves during this period.

One farm, with known poor animal husbandry practices and a record of not properly disposing of carcasses, accounted for 87 of those losses (77 percent). Only one other farm recorded losses in double digits with 10 verified livestock deaths (9 percent). Two producers each lost three animals and the rest lost one or two animals over the 3 and-a-half year period. When livestock losses are put in perspective, it is evident that a wide scale hunt spread across Unit B is not warranted.

An interesting pattern emerged within Wolf Management Unit C, which includes portions of Luce and Mackinac counties. The reason for hunting wolves in this unit is to reduce chronic livestock and dog depredations. From 2010 through the present, nine different farms experienced livestock losses. However, six of those farms experienced a depredation in 2010 and 2011 and none since that time; two farms had a loss in 2012 and only one farm suffered a loss in 2013.

Shifting to dog depredations, there were five alleged attacks on hunting dogs since 2010 but only two were verified to have been caused by wolves. The remaining attacks were simply allegations, made by houndsmen who released their hunting dogs in known wolf pack territories.

I believe the reason Unit C was created has little to do with livestock or dog attacks. Rather, situated in the center of Unit C is 35,000 acres of forest belonging to the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club, which enjoys a cozy relationship with the DNR. There is not one instance of a livestock or dog depredation on these privately owned lands.

Those who want to hunt wolves plead for "scientific management," yet the DNR has acknowledged that, "Removing wolves through public harvest may decrease the number of livestock depredations" and one official called this year's hunt a "novel approach". How is killing 43 wolves, as part of an experiment, sound science?

DNR biologists are the experts in wildlife management, however, the decisions about the wolf hunt are being made by political appointees within the DNR. It has been a top-down process. Only one member of the Natural Resources Commission, the politically appointed decision making body, has a natural resources background and she voted against the wolf hunt.

The Wolf Management Plan was written with the understanding there would be oversight by a full-time wolf coordinator who would be directly or indirectly responsible for each of the strategies outlined in the plan. However, this position was cut by more than 60 percent and the duties absorbed by those in Lansing with strong ties to hunting interest groups.

Politically-based management and wrangling does little to protect the ecological benefits of wolves and does not increase tolerance. Rather, it relies on fear, distortions and embellished stories, thus giving the false impression that the hunting of wolves is needed to keep the public safe.

*Nancy Warren is the Great Lakes Regional Director for the National Wolfwatcher Coalition. She lives in the Upper Peninsula within wolf management zone B where 19 wolves will be targeted this season.*

## The Comedy God gives you Toronto's Mayor Rob Ford

"Independent's Eye" by Joe Gandelman

The universe's comedy God has answered prayers of comedians everywhere who seek a sure-fire punch line: He has given them Toronto Mayor Rob Ford. Ford has become a living unfunny joke.

For years people joked when a politician said something silly: "What is he? On crack?" In the case of Canadian politician and businessman Rob Ford, the answer, at least one time, would be "yes."

In May, allegations started about a video showing Ford smoking a crack pipe. He denied it, but then earlier this month police announced they had a video showing Ford puffing away. So Ford apologized, refusing to resign, explaining it happened last year when he was in a "drunken stupor."

It's the old joke. A guy had to go to court for running a stop sign. His friend gives him this advice: "Just apologize to the judge and say you didn't see the sign because you were drunk at the time."

And then something interesting happened: Ford's poll numbers went UP.

He began to be a popular punch line for comedians and writers. Comedian Arsenio Hall cracked (no pun intended): "Apparently 'Rob Ford' is an old Canadian name meaning 'Marion Barry.'" Jon Stewart told the good folks of Toronto: "I heard that your mayor Ford's approval ratings went up after it came out that he smoked crack... You know what that makes you as a city, Toronto? Enablers."

Author Diane Francis wrote in the *Washington Post*: "The last time a Canadian politician attained any name recognition outside Canada was in 1970, when Pierre Trudeau dated Barbara Streisand."

Then the *Toronto Star* released a video of Ford in an angry, drunken rant, showing his overweight body pacing around the room, with him hissing: "Cause I'm gonna kill that (bad word) guy. ... No holds barred, brother. He dies, or I die, brother. Brother, you've never seen me (bad word)- go. You think so, brother? But when he's down, I'll rip his (bad word) throat out. I'll poke his eyes out."

But his poll numbers aren't moving. The CBC

reported his "approval rating has apparently held steady despite a scandal-plagued week involving admissions of crack cocaine use, public intoxication and the release of a video of the mayor swearing violence against an unknown party."

*Forum Research* pollster Lorne Bozinoff told CBC News Network recently that Ford still enjoys a 44 percent approval rating. Even so, the vast majority of people still want him to step down. About two-thirds of those polled said they want him to resign or seek rehab.

Legendary Democratic strategist James Carville had some advice for President Barack Obama, whose poll numbers are going south faster than elderly New Yorkers to Florida in winter: "I think the best thing he can do is take a toke on the mayor of Toronto's crack pipe..."

But it's no joke. Ford represents a 21st century prototype. The only difference is that, so far, most of these utterly shameless politicians seemingly reside in the United States. All hung in there until public opinion or the voters forced them out. In San Diego, where serial sexual harasser Bob Filner resigned as mayor, the *Union Tribune's* Matthew Hall asked "Which guy is worse? Who is the greater civic embarrassment? In all honesty, I'd personally make the decision based on this factor: Filner directly hurt other people, while Ford's drug use hurts only himself."

Not exactly. Ford has hurt the overall image of officeholders and reinforces a negative one. The videos that demean him and his office suggest the United States and Canada have more than ever in common in their political cultures.

Meanwhile, comedians, tweeters and bloggers all note that Ford looks like Saturday Night Live's late obese comedian Chris Farley, who died of drug abuse. If Ford remains in office, it'll be a sign that slowly, but surely, minimal standards for politicians in the 21st century will suffer Farley's tragic fate.

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## Elections provide good opportunity for change

By Sherry Bertram

Another election has passed and we have selected our fellow community members to serve Bay Mills Indian Community for the next two years. I enjoy election time because I think it brings an opportunity for change, the pre-requisite to growth. To our newly elected leaders, please remember that you were elected to represent and serve Bay Mills as a whole. I have read "to whom much is given, much is required."

The voters have given you their sacred trust and confidence that you will work for the good of the entire Bay Mills community. You were elected to serve this community to the best of your ability, not for any type of personal gain, directly or indirectly. You are being tasked with having a long-term vision to move this tribe in a positive direction while maintaining short-term operations and meeting current goals.

I was especially gratified to see younger people entering the election process this year. I have been very grieved in the past about the fact that our young people don't always have many opportunities to work and serve in their community.

For example, Bay Mills has an education incentive program that assists tribal members in their pursuit of higher education. Taking that into consideration, I am puzzled that, in some cases, after members complete their studies, either in a two-year or four-year degree program, they aren't always able to secure employment within Bay Mills. The tribe should strive to recruit educated tribal members and provide competitive pay within the appropriate tribal departments. Tribal organizations and managers should also encourage members who are working and trying to pursue degrees and actively seek ways to keep them in the community.

Oftentimes, after investing funds to educate our young people, there have been instances of individuals who were offered a job with pay so low it would not support them, let alone a family. In some cases, they are offered a job title, but the salary is not competitive with the open market. Offering uncompetitive wages demeans their sacrifices and hard work and lessens the long-term incentive of obtaining a degree. Our bright young minds, in many instances, are almost forced to go to other communities to work and serve. They take their enthusiasm and their fresh ideas, along with our incentive investment, and serve elsewhere. The tribe needs to follow up on that investment and reap the benefits, while rewarding those individuals who sacrificed time, money and effort to pursue a continued education.

I hope that the younger generation of Bay Mills members will watch closely for the next two years and look for ways to be involved in the governmental process. Do not believe the lie that "things will never change." In two years, with a stroke of their pencil, each member holds great power to say to these newly elected officials "well done" or "I think we need to go in another direction."

*Bertram is a member of Bay Mills Indian Community.*

## An open response to Rep. Dan Benishek on Second Amendment

By Allen Demroske

I am responding to Rep. Dan Benishek's political flyer that I recently received concerning the Second Amendment:

I am a supporter of my Second Amendment rights. I am a hunter. I own multiple firearms. I am a Marine Corps Korean War infantryman veteran.

The questions raised do not allow a thoughtful reply, plus if I sent this to your office, it would just be put aside. I have questions and I believe I have earned the right to some straightforward answers.

Do you believe that we should have universal background checks for a gun purchaser? If not, please explain. Should everyone be allowed to have a fully functioning 50 cal. machine gun with plenty of ammunition, to say nothing of bazooka and hand grenades, etc?

And, I take exception to this excerpt from your flyer, "The political elites in Washington, the Hollywood crowd out in California, and the big city mayors just don't get it."

Obviously, I am not one of "those," but I am for full and open public discussions on what my Second Amendment means to me as an individual, and, I want to hear specific answers from politicians without their usual politically aware evasive answers.

I am a responsible gun owner and I do believe there are some reasonable restrictions to my Second Amendment rights. Do you unequivocally believe that there are no restrictions whatsoever on the types of weapons that I can own and use?

You state in your flyer, "I will keep fighting for your gun rights!"

If I were a passionate defender of a no-restrictions-whatsoever Second Amendment, I would want answers to the above specific points. Politicians of both parties have a record of trying to walk on both sides of an issue just to get elected.

*Allen Demroske is a retired school teacher residing in Brimley.*

# Best students in October named

**OCTOBER'S AWESOME STUDENTS** — Selected as **Brimley Elementary Schools' Students of the Month of October** are the following: **Front row, L-R** — Khloe Dumas, Dalton Hoonstra, Chendra Tremblay, Autumn Ward and Brennah LaFord. **Middle row, L-R** — Laila Duvall, Emma LeBlanc, Riley Parish, Luke Slater and Elsie McGuire. **Back row, L-R** — Julianna Carrick, Maddisen Hoonstra, Cole Brehm and Bailey Erard.  
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**BRIMLEY** — Brimley Elementary School has announced the names of those chosen as Student of the Month of October. Following are comments of their teachers.

**Cole Brehm** is a very intelligent young man who is up for an academic challenge. He contributes and shares his knowledge on many subjects. He made honor roll all marking periods last year and continues his academic success this year. Cole is polite and kind to his peers, parents and teachers and follows the Bays Ways of being respectful, ready to learn, responsible and safe. He lends a helping hand to those in need. Also, Cole participates in sixth grade band and enjoys watching "Duck Dynasty." — Mrs. Osborne

**Julianna Carrick**, according to her classmates, is always nice and helpful to everyone, kind, respectful and trustworthy. She always follows the rules and does her work. She follows the Bays Ways everywhere and doesn't goof off. Her teacher agrees with the students and believes that Julianna is an excellent role model for her classmates. — Ms. Peller

**Khloe Dumas** is an extremely responsible girl who follows directions and works very hard on assignments. If she isn't sure what to do, she asks for help to ensure that she is doing it correctly. The pictures that she colors are always nice and neat smiley face coloring. She is very kind to others and offers help whenever needed. When a good example for others is needed, Khloe can always be counted on to be doing exactly what was asked of her. — Mrs. Hill

**Laila DuVall** is an extremely hard worker and completes all assignments in a timely fashion. She has a very friendly and outgoing

personality and is always respectful to adults and her classmates. She is an excellent listener and always does what she is asked. Laila greatly enjoys being a teacher helper and never hesitates to lend a helping hand to her classmates. — Mrs. Schaedler

**Bailey Erard** has shown signs of being an excellent student so far this year. She is timely with her assignments and thoughtful and thorough in her work. Bailey has also stepped up to the plate to help another student in the classroom with morning work when needed. — Mrs. Hutchins

**Dale Hoonstra** is one of the most polite kindergartners you will meet. He works hard to follow the Bays Ways rules in all areas of the school. He does his work neatly and with a smile on his face. Cole can be counted on to know what we are doing and where he needs to be. — Mrs. Cain

**Maddisen Hoonstra** has been working hard to be the best that she can be. Her work ethic and willingness to give her best are pleasing to see. She is trustworthy, responsible and can always be counted on to be helpful and make good choices. Maddisen follows the Bays Ways rules everywhere in the school. — Mrs. Hope

**Brennah LaFord** is such a kind little girl and a hard worker. She enters the classroom every day with a smile on her face, ready to try her best. She completes her work on time and is also willing to help others, if needed. Brennah sets a great example for her classmates by always following the Bays Ways throughout the school. — Mrs. Kelso

**Emma LeBlanc** is always trying to do her best. She is always paying

attention, consistently doing her work and willing to give a helping hand to her classmates. Emma is following the Bays Ways in all that she does. — Mrs. Rutledge

**Elsie McGuire** goes above and beyond what is asked of her. She follows all the classroom rules and tries her best to complete her assignments. Elsie is well liked by her peers and adults alike and is a great role model to the rest of the class. — Mrs. Ver Strate

**Riley Parish** leads our class by serving as an excellent example of what a student with a positive attitude looks and sounds like. He consistently exhibits Bay Ways expectations in the classroom. Riley is very kind, follows directions and is willing to help the teacher and others with tasks that need to be accomplished. — Mrs. Jones

**Luke Slater** is respectful, responsible and a great role model for his class. He can be counted on to make the right choice in any situation. Luke has a great sense of humor, a contagious smile and definitely does his part in making our classroom an enjoyable place to be. — Mrs. Teeple

**Chendra Tremblay** consistently follows our Bays Ways behavior expectations and sets an exemplary example for her peers. Her work efforts and attitude towards school consistently reflect in her school work. Chendra always gives 100 percent and it shows in everything she does. — Mrs. Castagne

**Autumn Ward** is an excellent example of what a second grade student should be. She can always be counted on to start her work quickly and always give her best. She is kind and caring, and always willing to help her classmates as well as the teacher. Autumn is very responsible and takes pride in her work. — Mrs. Gross

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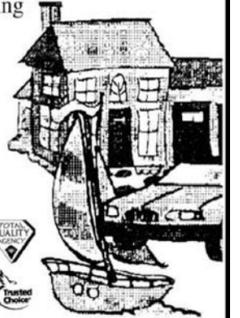
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## Recognizing Native American Heritage Month

**NATIVE HERITAGE CELEBRATED** — For the first time at Brimley Area Schools, Native American Heritage Month was marked with celebrations of Ojibwe culture throughout November. Title VII Indian Education Coordinator Sonja Killips lined up several activities including a taste testing event on Thursday, Nov. 7. Killips is pictured dishing out cranberries, maple syrup candies, smoked whitefish and a dish made of wild rice, blueberries and walnuts. Also part of the monthly events were presentations by Bay Mills Indian Community members Kathy LeBlanc, Ben Bowen and Bucko Teeple; two plays, one performed completely in the Ojibwe language and the other partially; and a drum social in conjunction with Bay Mills Community College.

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## Superintendent's Corner

By Alan Kantola  
Brimley Area Schools

Have you checked out the school website recently? If not, it is located at [www.eup.k12.mi.us/brimley](http://www.eup.k12.mi.us/brimley).

Our website is filled with information about our school. Included are links to staff members, including e-mail addresses, minutes of school board meetings, a monthly calendar, a monthly lunch menu, a calendar for the school year, athletic schedules, MEAP test results, our School Improvement Plan and Annual Education Report, graduation requirements, scholarship information, school budgets and salary information, free and reduced lunch applications, access to our student information system — Illuminate, a monthly School Newsletter, and much, much more.

The challenge involved with our school website is keeping it updated with current and useful information. All of our staff shares in this responsibility.

Please let us know how we are doing and don't hesitate to make suggestions on how we can improve the website.

Also, please pass this information on to any alumni of our school, as the website is an excellent way to keep in touch with us on a regular basis.

School will dismiss at 12:45 on Friday, Dec. 13, so that our staff may attend a professional development activity.

Christmas vacation begins on Friday, Dec. 20, with an 11:30

a.m. dismissal. Classes resume on Monday, January 6.

One of the very special events that takes place in our school every year, is the Christmas Program. This year the program will be held beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19.

Organized by our band/music teacher, Mrs. James, the Christmas Program involves all students and staff, grades K to 6, along with the Middle School/ High School Band.

Please join us on Dec. 19, and help us begin the holiday season, with some special

music, by some special students.

On behalf of the Brimley Area Schools, I would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season.

Hopefully, the holidays will provide all of us with the opportunity to spend quality time with our families.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Brimley Area Schools looks forward to the year 2014 with anticipation of continued excellence and success.

Remember, it's your school. Come and visit, anytime.

## All Michigan universities charge vets in-state rates

LANSING (AP) — Military veterans can now qualify for in-state tuition from any of Michigan's 15 public universities regardless of where they live.

The University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Michigan Technological University recently changed their tuition policies for veterans living out of state. All Michigan universities already were providing in-state tuition to active-duty military members and their dependents.

State lawmakers earlier this year proposed constitutional amendments to force schools to give veterans in-state or in-district tuition rates. While universities have agreed voluntarily, many of Michigan's 28 community colleges are concerned it could cost them too much.

Community colleges charge in-district residents less because they pay property taxes to the school. Community colleges say their tuition is not as cost-prohibitive as university rates are for veterans regardless, of where they live.

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# Wesaw named first Native to lead Michigan Dept. of Civil Rights

LANSING — The Michigan Civil Rights Commission has announced that Matt Wesaw began his tenure as Executive Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights on Monday, Oct. 28.

Wesaw was selected at their Oct. 7 meeting in Lansing, filling the vacancy left by the retirement of Daniel Krichbaum in July. He will be based at the department's Lansing office in the Capital Tower Building at 110 West Michigan Avenue.

"Mark Wesaw brings a depth and breadth of experience and sound judgment that will be of great benefit to the Department of Civil Rights and the state of Michigan," said Governor Rick Snyder. "I look forward to joining with him in the important work of ensuring that every citizen of this great state has the opportunity to live, work and learn in an environment free from discrimination, ready to pursue the opportunities around them."

With his selection, Wesaw becomes the first Native American to lead the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. He planned to retire from his current positions as Chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and President and CEO of the Pokagon Gaming Authority before starting with DCR.

"I feel very privileged and honored to have been selected," said Wesaw. "Having served on the commission for several years, civil rights is an area that I am very passionate about and I'm excited to focus on it in the final phase of my career."

That career in public service began in 1975 when he joined the Michigan State Police. During his 26 years as a state trooper, Wesaw served at posts in Jackson, Flat Rock and Lansing prior to being promoted to uniform sergeant in 1986. He was then transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division, where he became detective sergeant and served in the Organized Crime and Auto Theft units. In 1995, Wesaw became vice-president of the Michigan State Police Troopers Association, serving in that role until January of 2001 and as the director of Government Relations for MSPTA until his retirement in March of 2008.

In addition to his responsibilities with MSPTA, Wesaw served as tribal council member, vice chairman and past chairman of the Pokagon Band. He also served as chairman of the Commission on Indian Affairs under Governor John Engler, who later appointed him to the Community Service Commission. In 2004, Governor Jennifer Granholm appointed Wesaw to the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, becoming only the second Native American to hold that position, which he held in 2010 and 2011.

In 2007, Wesaw was hired by the Board of Directors of the United Tribes of Michigan, which is comprised of the federally-recognized tribes in Michigan whose mission is to support the mutual interests of the Native American community. He served in this position until his election as tribal chairman of the Pokagon

Band in 2009. He also served as the president and CEO of the Pokagon Gaming Authority, the governing body that oversees the Four Winds Casinos.

Wesaw was elected in 2007 by the leaders of the Midwest's 37 federally-recognized tribes to the position of area vice-president of the National Congress of American Indians, and, in 2010, he was selected for the position of Recording Secretary for the NCAI.

In January of 2011, he was appointed by Gov. Snyder to the Council on Law Enforcement and Reinvention Committee, which is charged with evaluating the efficiency of the delivery of law enforcement services to Michigan citizens.

The MDCR Executive Director is responsible for implementing public policy set forth by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, including providing executive leadership for MDCR and its employees. MDCR is responsible for civil rights complaint investigations as well as outreach efforts and educational programs to promote voluntary compliance with civil rights laws. It is also home to the Michigan Women's Commission, the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan, the Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission, the Council on Arab and Chaldean American Affairs and the Division of Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

For more information on MDCR and MCRC, visit [www.michigan.gov/mdcr](http://www.michigan.gov/mdcr).

## Biomass unit keeps bills down at NMU

MARQUETTE (AP) — Wood chips are helping Northern Michigan University keep energy costs down.

The Upper Peninsula school trucks in four loads of the chips to help produce electricity in a new biomass unit on its Marquette campus. When the unit at the Ripley Heating Plant begins running full-time, six to seven truckloads of wood chips will be hauled in.

The biomass unit was completed in June and cost \$16.4 million,

but it will save about \$1.5 million each year. It is expected to produce up to 18 percent of the university's electricity. The unit has to pass more inspections before its use is ramped up.

"This is all about keeping costs down for students," said Art Gischia, senior associate vice president for Administration at Northern Michigan.

"The more we can do to save energy, the less annual operating costs we can pass on to students."

The wood chips are bought from local suppliers.

"It's kind of like when you go to the farmers market and buy local produce," said Gisele Duehring, heating plant manager. "We're taking it quite a few notches higher.

"If we need to go ahead and expand in the future, then we'd be happy to and have additional electrical generation."

The wood chips are sorted and loaded into the biomass unit's fire-box where they are burned. Heated water produces steam that powers turbines, which produces electricity to help heat and cool the campus.

A use also has been found for the large amounts of ash produced by the process. It becomes a soil enhancer for agriculture.

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**OPEN ENROLLMENT IS DECEMBER 2-20, 2013:**  
 Open Enrollment starts on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8 a.m. and ends on December 20, 2013 at 4 p.m. OPEN ENROLLMENT CHANGES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 20. Open enrollment is the only time during the year you are able to make changes to your contract. Employees may Add\Drop Dental & Vision Coverage OR Add\Drop a Spouse or Dependent.

OPEN ENROLLMENT MEETINGS			
DATE	LOCATION	ON SITE FROM	PRESENTATION TIMES
12/5/2013 (Thurs)	HORIZON'S @ BMRC	9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	9 & 11 a.m. \ 1 & 3 p.m.
12/6/2013 (Fri)	HR Conference Room	9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	9 & 11 a.m. \ 1 p.m.
12/9/2013 (Mon)	HR Conference Room	9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	9 & 11 a.m. \ 1 p.m.
12/10/2013 (Tues)	HORIZON'S @ BMRC	9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	9 & 11 a.m. \ 1 & 3 p.m.
12/18/2013 (Wed)	HORIZON'S @ BMRC	9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	9 & 11 a.m. \ 1 & 3 p.m.
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# Drug seizures are down, but prescription pill abuse grows

By LACEE SHEPARD  
Capital News Service

LANSING — Despite fewer prescription drug seizures in Michigan, officials remain concerned.

There were 1,094 prescription seizures from 2010–2013 by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Detroit field office, said Ken Hammond, Detroit's chief CBP officer.

The top three drugs smuggled from Canada to Michigan are steroids, hydrocodone and oxycodone.

In 2010, there were 309 prescription drug seizures, Hammond said. In 2013 the number decreased to 200.

Although, the number of seizures dropped, the abuse problem is growing in Michigan, according to law enforcement.

Prescription drug abuse has grown since 2007, said Special Agent Rich Isaacson, media and drug prevention coordinator of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Detroit Division.

There isn't a community in Michigan that doesn't have that problem, he said.

Police can distinguish illegal drugs from legitimate prescriptions by the medicine bottle, Hammond said. Seized bottles are analyzed to determine if the prescription is fake.

The most commonly abused medicines are those with hydrocodone, derived from codeine, said State Police Detective First Lt. Tim Gill.

## Doctors, hospitals worry about medication shortages

By LACEE SHEPARD  
Capital News Service

LANSING — Michigan is experiencing the nationwide problem of insufficient pharmaceutical drugs.

Hospitals, clinics and pharmacies are struggling with a lack of IV drugs, said Christopher Kelly, with the Office of Media Affairs for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration based in Maryland.

"We are continuing to see new shortages develop in 2013, especially of IV electrolytes and other IV drugs needed for adults and pediatric patients," Kelly said. "These shortages have mainly occurred due to delays at one large manufacturer and FDA is continuing to work with all of the manufacturers."

Drug scarcity is a significant health threat that can result in seri-

ous and sometimes deadly outcomes for patients who cannot get what they need, Kelly said.

Experts say the most common pharmaceuticals they are running short of are IV components, anesthesia, chemotherapy drugs, pain medication, and Adderall — which is used to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

For example, Michigan State Medical Society president and anesthesiologist Kenneth Elmastian said the unavailability of some anesthetics creates difficulties.

Laura Appel, vice president of federal policy and advocacy at the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, said patients aren't the only ones struggling. Hospitals also suffer.

Hospitals across the state expressed frustration with the amount of staff time and resources required to manage the inadequate amount of drugs. Finding alternative products can be expensive and cause delays in treatment, Appel said.

Multiple factors are responsible, said Kelly, including quality and manufacturing problems caused by lack of raw materials.

"The raw material suppliers the firms use are also limited in the amount they can make due to

Opiate painkillers are a gateway drug to heroin.

"When misused they're every bit as addictive as heroin and they affect the body the same way," Isaacson said.

"It's really an opiate addiction these people have. They become addicted to pills and oftentimes those pills become so expensive on the street and on the black market. That's when they will start to buy heroin because they can buy it on the street much cheaper."

Another common method of getting pills is from medication cabinets full of unused drugs.

"We advocate that patients get rid of their unused medication and otherwise get them out of their medicine cabinets," said Larry Wagenknecht, chief executive director of the Michigan Pharmacists Association.

"We do know that kids, children, young adults and even visitors sometimes go into an individual's medicine cabinet, and if there are unused pain killers, those are sometimes stolen and then sold on the street or misused personally," he said.

The association sponsors a medicine take-back program, as do many police departments. So far this year, it collected 600 pounds of tablets and capsules, worth more than \$1 million, Wagenknecht said.

Isaacson said law enforcement agencies are able to track abusers through prescription monitoring programs. If authorities notice that pharmacies are filling prescriptions at a higher volume than normal, it indicates a problem.

capacity issues at their facilities," said Kelly. "This small number of manufacturers and limited production capacity for older sterile injectables, combined with the long lead times and complexity of the manufacturing process for injectable drugs, results in these drugs being vulnerable to insufficient quantity."

Larry Wagenknecht, chief executive officer of the Michigan Pharmacists Association, said the number of manufacturers has dropped in the past 10 years, another reason for the problem.

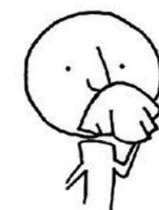
"There's less money and a decrease of stability for the rest of the pharmaceutical companies to fill the gap," said Wagenknecht. "Before, when a manufacturer was out there doing a variety of things, there was always backup. Now in some of the medications it's down to one manufacturer that's doing it."

Appel said it's nearly impossible for hospitals to prevent drug shortages because they rarely receive advance notification

"To reduce the impact on patients, hospitals are trying many different solutions, including seeking alternative sources for drugs in short supply, increasing drug inventories and devoting resources to train clinical staff on how to address this problem," Appel said.

The FDA has been working with manufacturers that are experiencing shortages to help them boost production.

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Thank you! To the Brimley VFW Men's and Women's Auxiliaries (whom we feel are our extended family) thank you for the donations made to our family. It's going to help us greatly.

Nick has been advised to have three more months of chemo before they re-evaluate him, so we will be traveling to Petoskey every other week until the end of January. We just want everyone to know that your efforts, prayers and everything that has been done for us has been very much appreciated.

Nick, Jr., Corrine, Joe & Casey

## Anderson replaces Demaray on WMH board

SAULT STE. MARIE — Maxine Anderson, a Sault Ste. Marie native with a long history of community service, has been appointed to the War Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. Her experience in the area of health and fitness and her "can-do" attitude will be an asset to the decision-making body, according to hospital officials.



"We welcome Maxine to the board and feel she will be a valuable addition. The hospital will benefit from her experience and her work within the community," said Fran Sasso, board chairman.

Anderson was selected after submitting a letter of interest to a three-person panel representing both the hospital and Chippewa County. She said she expressed her interest at the urging of others who thought she had unique talents to contribute to the board.

some research to find out what it entailed, I realized that I have something to offer the hospital. When opportunities present themselves, I dig deep inside and ask myself if I have something to contribute and do I have the time to commit and in this case, the answer

"I wasn't sure at first, but after

to both questions was yes," she explained.

Anderson joins the 10-member board to fill the remainder of the term of Betsy Demaray, who died in January. Anderson worked with Demaray at Smith & Company Real Estate and said it was an honor to assume her friend's seat on the board.

"Her encouragement and belief in me helped me to realize the things I could do for my community. She was an inspiration and now I'd like to think that I can inspire younger people to commit themselves to their community. It really is quite an honor," said Anderson.

In addition to her career as a Realtor, she is also a longtime fitness instructor and an adjunct professor at Lake Superior State University. Anderson is the mother of two grown sons; her husband, Steve, works for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

## Local Civil War veteran is honored

BRIMLEY — A few months ago, it was discovered that Willoughby Scribner, buried in Brimley's Lake View Cemetery, was a Civil War veteran. However, there was no plaque on his grave designating this. After some research and phone calls, the history of the grave unfolded, thanks to Brimley resident Steve Charles.



Willoughby L. Scribner, 18, of Otisfield, Maine, enlisted in Capt. David B. Chesley's 28th Volunteer Company of Unassigned Infantry on April 1, 1865.

number of men was presented. They were discharged May 13, 1865, at Augusta, Maine, in accordance with special instructions from the War Department, dated April 30, 1865.

The men who enlisted for this company were all sworn into the U.S. service by either Provost Marshals or regularly appointed Mustering Officers. Pvt. Scribner, nor any of his comrades, were ever mustered into company organization due to the fact that recruiting was stopped before the maximum

Though he served the Union cause for only 43 days, he is recognized today as a veteran of the Civil War, which indeed he was. He answered the call when it was given.

### Walking On

#### Pat Paul

Patricia A. Paul died Nov. 10, 2013 at Hospice House of the EUP in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Pat was born on March 15, 1934 in Kinde, Mich., the daughter of George and Sophie Watchowski.

having composed photos of all of the past Exalted Rulers of Elks Lodge #552. She enjoyed serving as Vice President of the Bay Mills/Brimley Historical Society and was also active with the Wheels of History Museum and the Train Depot. Pat was vital to the Brimley 4th of July Flea Market. She was a hard worker, devoted mother and friend. Pat loved animals and enjoyed feeding the birds and deer. She enjoyed living on Lake Superior and watching the ships pass by her home.

She graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1952. She moved to Sault Ste. Marie at age 18 after being transferred by the Gamble Store; she then worked as a secretary at Soo Tech.

Surviving are her two daughters Kathleen (Charles) Albon and DeLynn H. Paul, both of Sault Ste. Marie; two sisters-in-law, Virginia Watchowski of Bad Axe and Lois Gibson of Fayetteville, Pa.; four nieces, Debra (Doug) Keyworth of Elkton, Mich., Pamela (Robert) Linton of Citrus Springs, Fla.,

She married Roger Paul on Oct. 16, 1954 and was a devoted wife and mother for the next several years. She eventually returned to work, first at McKee Insurance Agency and later at the Adams Insurance Agency and finally worked as an admitting clerk at War Memorial Hospital until her retirement in 2001. Pat was a very active member of the Gazelles,

Sharon Sweet of Pompano Beach, Fla. and Nancy (James) Long of Fairgrove, Mich.; a nephew, Curtis (Lynda) Watchowski, of Ubly, Mich.; and several great nieces and nephews.

Pat is predeceased by her parents, a brother, Ernest Watchowski, and her former husband, Roger W. Paul. Arrangements were made by Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home and Cremation Center with Father Sebastian Kavumkal as Celebrant. Final resting place will be in Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

Memorials may be made in her name to the Wheels of History Museum, 6799 S. M221, Brimley, MI 49715 or the Hospice House of the EUP, 308 W. 12th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

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# Brimley School Board holds regular meeting

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — Brimley Area School Board met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 21. Board members P.J. Jones and Lee Freedman were absent from the meeting.

The annual financial audit of the school district was presented by Phil Wolf of Anderson Tackman, who indicated the district did "pretty good" financially. The audit did show that transportation costs and retirement expenses have increased, while federal services have gone down. The federal sequester has impacted schools as less grant monies are being made available.

While Brimley did well during the last year, the district will have to look at how the state pension plan for teachers impacts them in regards to 2015. Wolf said the state fund is underfunded by \$27 million, an obligation that will be divided up amongst school districts across the state. The exact number Brimley will have to plan for, however, will not be revealed until next year. Overall, the audit revealed no significant findings.

In faculty news, special education aide Michelle Hill resigned to take a job in Sault Ste. Marie and Joyele Hyvarinen resigned as track coach. Vicki Pomeroy was selected for an internally posted Special Ed Aide position, which will provide one-on-one assistance for a student. Pomeroy was a Title I Aide, which left a vacancy in that position that was filled by Colleen Radar. Richard LeBlanc was hired to coach junior high basketball and varsity track.

Terry Marguran of the Booster Club addressed the board with concerns regarding the athletic field concession stand, citing it was in dire need of repair and a new one would likely be the best option. Members of the board agreed the concession stand was in bad shape, as well as the press box. Marguran said he had quotes for either a new building or a concession trailer, but needed to know if the district could assist in the funding. He indicated the Booster Club is already actively fundraising. The measure was tabled pending a meeting with the Building and Site Committee.

In board reports, High School/Middle School Principal Brian Reattoir noted that the robotics program would be getting under way soon, although the project has not been revealed for this year. The school may receive additional funding for the program by mentoring another local district. Brimley Superintendent Alan Kantola reported the student count for the district is holding steady with 496 students enrolled.



**TALL TALE BINGO – Lake Superior State University students enrolled in an elementary language arts/literacy skills course run an educational Tall Tales bingo game at the Superior Children's Book Festival, held Nov. 2 at LSSU. The game table was part of a semester-long service-learning project. Left to right is Luke Barry (as Paul Bunyan), and Cassandra Bruni; seated left to right is Arielle Kammers, Samuel Schlosser (also as Paul Bunyan), Candace Mangone, Brittany Brown, and, smiling from far right, their professor, Mary McMyne. The second annual festival attracted regional authors, illustrators, publishers, and vendors who shared all aspects of children's literature with other writers, would-be writers, as well as hundreds of families who dropped in for the all-day event.**

# OCS honors those who served on Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11



**Students at Ojibwe Charter School honored the sacrifice of veterans in a ceremony held on Monday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day. Students wrote letters of thanks and created cards for local veterans. Bay Mills Indian Community members and veterans Bucko Teeple and Webster Kinney carried the flags for the event. This is the 11th year OCS has held such a ceremony.**

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## Mich. Tech looking at use of windmills in snowy North

HOUGHTON, Mich. (AP) — Researchers at Michigan Technological University are trying to figure out if solar power generation that works in the sunny South can function in the snowy North.

A two-year-study underway at the Houghton school's Keweenaw Research Center seeks to measure how snow affects solar panels' power generation.

The international engineering company, DNV GL, is helping underwrite the project, Michigan Tech spokeswoman Marcia Goodrich said in a statement. She said the company specializes in "large energy and sustainability-related projects."

The company has built an array of solar photovoltaic panels behind the research center set at different angles. The panel settings range from horizontal to 45 degrees.

"If you tilt them at 60 degrees, almost no snow sticks to the panels, but you also lose a lot of sunlight when they are not facing the sky," said Tim Townsend, a DNV GL engineer.

He said that earlier studies show that year-round power losses because of snow can range from a few percent to 18 percent.

Goodrich said Townsend's group developed a model to predict how snowfall and related factors affect energy generation. Tests are underway in California, Colorado and Pennsylvania as well as at Michigan tech.

"We do predictions on behalf of commercial lenders being asked to foot the bill for big solar arrays," said Townsend. Good information "makes them more financeable."

The Keweenaw Research Center also plans to apply lessons learned from the test solar panels, said center Director Jay Meldrum.

"Michigan Tech will be going full bore on stopping snow losses," Meldrum said.

"Everybody who wants to develop solar energy in snowy climates on a large scale will need this data," said associate professor Joshua Pearce, a participant in the project. "In the olden days, you'd only see solar farms in places like Arizona, and Spain. Now, large solar installations are found throughout the northern US and Canada."

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# Fears rise about possible moose die-off in the U.P.

By MATTHEW HALL  
Capital News Service

LANSING – A national trend in moose die-offs may be hitting the Upper Peninsula – and climate change may be the culprit, experts say.

More parasites, disease, habitat destruction and heat stress are all suggested as reasons, stemming from warmer weather.

Moose numbers studied in the western U.P. between 1997 and 2007 showed a growth rate of about 10 percent a year – a promising trend since moose were reintroduced there in the 1980s, said Dean Beyer, a Marquette-based moose expert with the Department of Natural Resources.

However, that rate has slowed to about 2 percent since then.

Other states have experienced significant drops in moose population since the 1990s, with one Minnesota herd dropping from 4,000 to 100 in that time.

The western U.P. moose are dispersed among parts of Marquette and Iron counties, as well as on Isle Royale, he said. A less-studied population exists in the eastern U.P. closer to Sault Ste. Marie.

“Something has changed,” said Beyer, a wildlife researcher, adding that he worries about the future.

“When you see your neighboring states’ population decline so rapidly and when you start to see our growth slow down, then perhaps the factors associated with decline there are starting to affect our herd.”

Possible reasons include infestations of parasites and disease associated with higher temperatures.

Other possible causes include heat stress and the warm-weather-thriving pine bark beetle that kills the trees moose use as camouflage from predators. That beetle was found as a part of a study of moose decline in the Cariboo Mountains of British Columbia.

“I don’t think anybody really knows exactly what’s going on, but one of the leading hypotheses is that it is climate change – increasing temperatures,” Beyer said.

“These are complex ecological systems and it’s unlikely that it’s going to be one factor or another. It’s more likely a suite of factors that are interacting together,” he said.

Beyer said that the way moose are built may not mesh well with changing temperatures:

When scientists look at moose distribution around the globe and at the southern edges of habitat, it’s associated with a cooler range of temperatures.

“There’s a sense that moose are built for the cold and they don’t do so well in warm climates, so as temperatures increase if climate change predictions are correct, we

can expect the southern edge of the moose range in North America will move northward,” Beyer said.

That news may be bad for hunters also.

A 2010 state law made moose a game species as long as their population growth rate is at least 3 percent a year.

Amy Trotter, the resource policy manager at Michigan United Conservation Clubs, said, “We definitely support moose being categorized as a game species in Michigan, but science must determine what level of moose hunting is sustainable.”

“Ongoing research and population surveys will be necessary to see how resilient the Michigan

moose herd is,” she said. “If the growth rate reaches or exceeds 3 percent, we will support a limited hunt here in Michigan.”

Tom Nemacheck, executive director of the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association, said, “They’re sort of an iconic animal.

“People come up in an attempt to see them, although 99 percent of people are not successful. They’re not exactly out on the roads looking for people.

“They go back into the deep, heavy, wet areas where they like to live, but people like to think about them. They like to think that they’re there and envision that they might find one,” Nemacheck said.

## Reminder issued on required Forest Service road use permits

Hiawatha National Forest Supervisor Jo Reyer is reminding residents that road use permits are required for many uses of Forest Roads. For instance, if you are hauling timber or gravel, or if you clear snow from a road within the Forest’s boundaries, you are required to obtain a permit in order to legally use public roads in this way. Individuals operating without required permits may be ticketed.

“Given the multiple uses that occur on Forest roads, certain road uses can pose serious safety risks. Resource damage and public safety concerns can develop with some uses,” notes Reyer. “A primary purpose of the permit system is to minimize those risks. We want to avoid the hazards posed by things like plowing or hauling.”

Despite having issued several news stories in past years, Forest officials continue to discover illegal and unsafe private and commercial uses on Forest roads. Individuals who are planning certain uses on Forest roads within the jurisdiction of the Hiawatha National Forest are required to obtain a permit before beginning that use. Permits provide guidance and specifications – including provisions for safety – that need to be followed when utilizing roads on the national forest. Some permits are free, while others include a fee.

To inquire about a permit, please contact your local Forest Service contact, who can help you determine whether a permit is needed. Please contact the appropriate unit official as soon as you have identified a need to use Forest Service roads:

- Munising and Rapid River/Manistique Districts – Greg Gardner (906-474-6442, ext 124)
- St Ignace/Sault Ste. Marie Districts – Ken Guillard (906-643-7900, ext 141).

## Get help signing up for health care

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Health Center has been designated as a Certified Counselor organization to help patients and community members apply for newly available health insurance coverage.

The Affordable Health Care Act was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama on March 23, 2010. The purpose is to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable health insurance. Individuals may purchase plans through a website called the “Marketplace.” All qualified health plans offered by the State of Michigan are licensed and buyers cannot be refused because of pre-existing health conditions.

Michigan has expanded Medicaid services to assist low-income households. Exemptions and Cost Sharing Reductions are also available for those who qualify.

The enrollment period started Oct. 1, 2013 and will conclude March 31, 2014. For benefits to begin Jan. 1, 2014, applicants must enroll by Dec. 15, 2013.

Bay Mills Health Center’s application counselors are trained and certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to ensure they can provide individuals with the maximum level of enrollment assistance while following vigorous privacy and security standards to protect personal information.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment with a certified application counselor, please contact Angie LeBlanc at 906-248-8314 or Shelly LeBlanc at 8318 or Dawn LeBlanc at 8326.

## Wolves...continued from page 1

The NWC report comes on the heels of accusations the wolf hunt was based on false data. The farmer who reported the most depredations of cattle, John Koski of Ontonagon, has indicated he was actually “baiting” wolves with the carcasses of dead cattle. Koski also pocketed more than \$30,000 in depredation payments from the DNR and was provided with donkey and fencing to keep the wolves at bay. The fencing was never used as implemented and the donkeys were ultimately removed, after one died from negligent care.

The actions of the DNR and the NRC are now being brought into question.

Michigan’s wolf hunt has been considered controversial since the idea was first circulated, most notably because the hunt is taking place only months after the animal was delisted as a protected species.

A number of animal welfare groups, including the

Humane Society of the United States, and all of Michigan’s tribal communities, including Bay Mills Indian Community and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, oppose the hunt. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribe held a candlelight vigil and sacred fire on the eve of the hunt, expressing their opposition and honoring the wolf, whom they consider to be their brother.

A total of 1,200 licenses were sold for the inaugural hunt, which will end Dec. 31 or when the limit of 43 wolves has been taken. Three wolf management units have been created, all located within the Upper Peninsula. Michigan is the sixth state to authorize a wolf hunt after federal delisting. There are currently 658 wolves in the state. There are no records of a human ever being killed by a wolf in the wild in Michigan.



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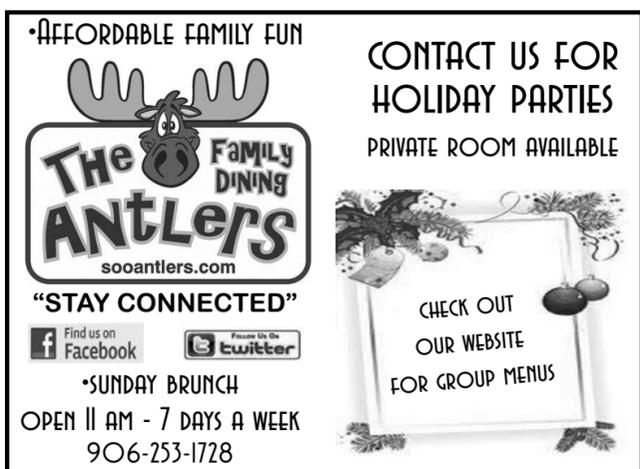
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## What are toxins and how you can avoid them

Toxins come in a wide variety of forms and we come into contact with them by just as many ways. For example, pesticides cannot only be found in the foods we eat, but also the water we drink, and can also be tracked into our homes from our shoes. Other toxins include dioxins, PCBs, PFCs.

As mentioned in previous issues, pesticides include rat and bug poisons/sprays used to keep lawns looking beautiful and harvests from crops bountiful. Unfortunately, these chemicals can be just as harmful to humans and other animals as it is to the targeted pests.

Some of these harmful effects due to pesticides range from nervous system problems and diseases, hormone disruptions, abnormal growths that can potentially kill a plant or animal to reproductive problems and even some cancers. Some simple ways to avoid bringing pesticides into your home include starting your own kitchen garden, removing shoes when entering your home and limiting lawn chemicals, insecticides and rodenticides. You can also purchase a water filter certified by the Water Quality Association or NSF International to filter out pesticides from farms and golf courses that can leach into well water.

Dioxins are a family of chemicals, including some polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) with known cancer-causing properties. These forms of toxins are byproducts of combustion that is released through industrial processes, volcanoes and forest fires. Dioxins take years to degrade and are known to accumulate in fat.

More than 90 percent of our exposure to dioxins is through food, mostly meat, dairy, fish and shellfish. Some simple ways to avoid Dioxins and PCBs in the



foods we consume include reducing fat intake from meats and dairy products and eating a balanced diet with plenty of fruit, vegetables and grains.

Phthalates are a group of chemicals that are used to make soft plastics such as rubber toys, medical tubing and PVC. Some are used to make synthetic fragrances last longer. Research suggests that these toxins act as endocrine disruptors that can interfere with our bodies hormone systems, potentially leading to reproductive abnormalities, problems with fertility and an

Easy ways to become phthalate-free is to start choosing lotions, shampoos and other personal care products as well as household cleaners that are free of synthetic fragrance. If you would prefer that your cleaner or product has a scent, choose one with essential oils instead. A word of caution: Just because a product claims on the front it is

fragrance-free or is unscented, always be sure to check the ingredient list to see if a fragrance has been added. Another simple way to go phthalate-free is to purchase the bulk of your diet with as few processed foods as possible.

PFCs are chemicals that are used to repel water, grease and stains that are often found in nonstick cookware, clothing, carpeting, furniture and food containers. PFCs are absorbed into our bodies through food and our skin, as well as fumes from overheated pans. PFCs are linked with liver damage, developmental problems, cancer and even early menopause, according to a 2011 study in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism.

If you would like to live a lifestyle PFC-free, use cast-iron (including ceramic-coated) or stainless-steel pots and pans and refrain from cooking over high heat. If your wardrobe calls for waterproof clothing, keep an eye out for clothing made from recycled polyester and polyurethane and wax-coated clothes.

Of course, in modern society, maintaining a toxin free lifestyle is no easy task and, in some locations, it is impossible. However, it is always a good idea to reduce our exposure in any way possible.

## Michigan Senate OKs sale of marijuana at state pharmacies

LANSING (AP) – State lawmakers have begun laying the groundwork for the production and sale of marijuana from Michigan pharmacies, contingent on the federal government also deciding to reclassify the drug as a medical treatment.

Legislation approved on Nov. 13, 22-16 by the Senate, would create a second medical marijuana system in a state whose voters legalized the drug for medical purposes five years ago.

Supporters said the 129,000 residents now allowed to smoke pot to treat cancer and other illnesses could continue growing their own or buying it from nearly 27,000 licensed caregivers. If the bill becomes law and federal agencies reclassify marijuana as a Schedule 2 drug, patients could stick with the current system or give up their cannabis card and apply for an “enhanced” one, allowing them to obtain the drug from pharmacies.

To get a card, the patient could not have been convicted of a drug offense, would have to surrender his or her ID card issued under the existing law and be at least 18 years old. Suppliers and participating pharmacies would undergo annual inspections.

“It’s a straightforward bill that seeks to treat medical marijuana like other drugs or at least offer that option to our people — one that will ensure safe and secure production followed by testing to protect seriously ill people who consume it,” said Sen. Roger Kahn, a Saginaw Township Republican and practicing physician who is sponsoring the bill headed to the House.

Among the measure’s backers is Prairie Plant Systems Inc., which supplies medical marijuana to the Canadian government and is interested in growing the product in Michigan.

The vote was mostly along party lines, with majority Republicans supporting the bill and Democrats opposing it. One Democrat and five Republicans switched over.

Senate Minority Leader Gretchen Whitmer said the legislation would do nothing to make marijuana more accessible for patients, some who have struggled to obtain it after authorities and courts slammed the door on marijuana dispensaries.

“Shouldn’t we spend our time and taxpayer resources fixing the current system rather than streamlining it for a potential corporation that’s out of state based on a contingency?” the East Lansing Democrat said.

“This issue is not ripe and it is not worthy of our time and resources until we’ve addressed the problem that our residents are facing.”

Whitmer unsuccessfully tried to tie the bill to one in the House that would authorize marijuana shops and a Senate bill that would make possession of small amounts of pot a civil infraction, not a crime.

She noted that voters in Ferndale, Jackson and Lansing approved proposals last week offering some legal protection to users of small amounts of marijuana.

Michigan’s marijuana law says people with certain illnesses, such as cancer or chronic pain, can possess up to 2.5 ounces of “usable” marijuana and keep up to 12 plants in a locked place. A caregiver also can provide marijuana to as many as five people.

Sen. Rick Jones, a Grand Ledge Republican, said he has no problem with seriously ill patients using marijuana but called the existing law a “sham” because, he says, healthy people are getting marijuana cards.

“It’s time to get marijuana out of houses and put it somewhere else,” he said. “Let pharmaceutical companies grow it — not just one company but multiple companies. Put it in the pharmacies. That’s where it belongs.”

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Work for the show should be in Alberta House by Saturday, Nov. 30. For more information, call Alberta House at 906-635-1312, Jean Jones at 906-437-5463 or e-mail saa@saultarts.org.

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# Climate change affects the flavor, production of Great Lakes wine

By DANIELLE WOODWARD  
Great Lakes Echo

If you sip your favorite wine and it tastes a bit funny, climate change may be the culprit.

The Michigan wine industry has grown since the 1970s, according to Michigan State University.

More extreme weather, like unpredictable springs and long summer droughts, is to blame for changes in grape production, said Erwin Elsner, a small fruit educator for Michigan State University.

In Verona, N.Y. near Lake Ontario, the average bloom and bud bursts have moved up five to six days on average since the 1960s, said Tim Martinson, a senior viticulture associate at Cornell University's Department of Horticulture.

Scientists say that extreme weather is one of the consequences of climate change caused by the burning of fossil fuels. What that means to wine production is as yet unclear.

It is still too early to tell, Elsner said.

"If we could tell our growers that they could expect consistent warming trends it would be beneficial, but at this point all we have is a more unpredictable climate. Things continue to change and all we can do is help farmers through it as it happens," Elsner said.

Climate change can be good for some grape varieties and not so good for others.

"When you drink wine, you are looking for specific characteristics," said Paolo Sabbatini, an MSU associate professor of horticulture. "When you use grapes for making wine, if they are not ripe it is not good and the wine is not distinctive."

Grapes used for red wines tend to ripen at the end of the season. A longer season could allow for more consistently ripe

grapes, said Martinson.

But grapes used to make types of white wines, such as Riesling, depend on consistent temperatures of warm days and cool nights. The inconsistent weather brought on by climate change could cause them to be harvested early, which would change their character, he said.

Winter and summer seasons are key to growing grapes.

"Some grape varieties that we are growing are very sensitive, so if winter tends to be very harsh they tend to die," Sabbatini said. "The second element is the amount of heat that we receive during the season. Some varieties require a lot of heat so we need a long season of warm temperatures."

Hot summer droughts followed by freezing winters are a result of climate change and make it hard for grapes to adjust.

"At the end of season, grape vines go into a dormant state," said Martinson. "How deep they go and how able the buds are to withstand the cold is a gradual process that is very sensitive to temperature, so if you have both cold and warm temperatures, the buds will deacclimate a bit."

The Great Lakes region has been getting increasingly warmer which is very good for grapes, said Sabbatini.

Hot summers are not an issue, as grapes are very tolerant of drought. Temperature

increases can be beneficial as long as they don't exceed 95 degrees, the point that the grapes start shutting down, Elsner said.

However a warming climate also means warmer springs, causing grapes to grow early, which subject them to frost, said Sabbatini.

The average first frost date is not changing quite as much.

"We've had situations where bud bursts will occur early, and you get a spring frost that can kill some of the green tissue which can destroy the crops," said Martinson.

If there is a spring frost early in the season, farmers lose both crop and profit. But if warmer seasons happen without the frost, it would allow farmers to produce better fruit, said Sabbatini.

The good thing about grapes is that they come out of dormancy slowly, missing frosts that would damage spring fruits that grow on trees like apples and cherries, said Nikki Rothwell, wine grape industry coordinator for the Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Center.

"We are all going to learn together. There is a lot of different research for varieties going on in our area and that is going to take many years to even have a clue to what would be a better grape variety to grow in these different conditions," said Elsner said.

Superior Township will light the community Christmas tree on Dec. 1 at 5 p.m. The tree is located across the street from Bay Mart. Following the lighting, there will be refreshments provided at the Superior Township Hall on M-221 for residents to welcome in the holiday season. For more information, call 906-248-5213.



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# Warming climate opens door to new destructive forest pests

By JESSICA BATANIAN  
Capital News Service

LANSING – The mimosa webworm was nowhere to be found on honeylocusts at Michigan State University 20 years ago.

But within the past decade, warming temperatures made the campus an appealing home for this destructive bug.

"It was the canary in the coal mine," said Deborah McCullough, an MSU entomologist who witnessed the honeylocusts disappear from campus as temperatures warmed and the mimosa webworm moved north into Michigan.

It's a phenomenon not confined to webworms and honeylocusts as the Earth's temperature rises and the variability of climate increases, experts say.

Climate change will increase the frequency of droughts, increase the severity of snowstorms and rain storms and make frosts occur later, said Sophan Chhin, an assistant professor of forestry at MSU. As climate changes and growing seasons are interrupted by drought and frost, trees are preoccupied with regaining their strength and become more vulnerable to insects and disease.

The hemlock woolly adelgid is another insect of concern for the Great Lakes region. It attacks a type of conifer called hemlock and hasn't breached the northern parts of Michigan and Wisconsin because of colder temperatures – yet.

"Currently, Wisconsin is a little too cold but that may become less of a case with climate change," said Ken Raffa, a professor of entomology at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Insects are moving farther north than they ever have in the past, he said.

McCullough said the mountain pine beetle is the "one that scares all of us." It's native to the Rocky Mountains, with a range spanning from Canada all the way south into Mexico, and is naturally controlled by colder temperatures.

Warmer winters have allowed the mountain pine beetle to move farther north and to higher altitudes, McCullough said. And that's created the opportunity for the insect to move east across Canada into areas like Manitoba and target lodgepole and jack pines.

Jack pines are an important species to the Great Lakes region mainly because of the ecological

benefits they offer and the diverse habitats they create.

"If mountain pine beetle successfully attacks jack pines in Canada, which it probably will, it could continue moving east into our jack pine forests in this region," said McCullough. "The consequences of continued mountain pine beetle spread to eastern North America could be pretty devastating."

An increase in pine mortality as a result of mountain pine beetle could mean forests in northern parts of the Great Lakes states would be at higher risk for forest fires, said McCullough.

Raffa said that cold weather used to be a line of defense for trees. However, warming temperatures are forcing trees to move north, which in some cases is impossible.

Chhin said that's especially the case in Michigan where the majority of the upper half of the state is made up of sandy soils. Although certain trees need to move north to remain in their preferred colder habitat, some cannot grow successfully because of other environmental features like soil and water availability.

Other trees will simply not exist in the region anymore because of warming temperatures and loss of natural habitat, he said.

"The rate of climate change exceeds the rate of migration," he said. "In the future, people aren't going to get to see those types of forests. They will just have to cross the border" into Canada.

There are significant threats to the future of forests in the Great Lakes region as a result of climate change. However, some trees may be able to turn the consequences of climate change into short-term advantages for growth, according to Chhin.

For example, the growing season will get longer as temperatures warm over time. Trees in Michigan grow into October now, but that could change in the future. Apart from an extended growing season, atmospheric gases that contribute to the global greenhouse effect may also have a positive impact on trees.

Global warming is the result of the accumulation of greenhouse gases like water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide. Carbon dioxide, the most abundant greenhouse gas globally, is released into the atmosphere through deforestation and burning

of fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas.

All that carbon dioxide has a fertilization effect, Chhin said. Trees take carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere through photosynthesis. Excess carbon dioxide available because of pollution makes them more efficient with their water supply. Trees then use that reserved energy to grow more successfully.

Even though the extended growing season and the use of excess carbon dioxide benefit forests, they are only short-term advantages that don't accurately depict the larger impacts of climate change, Chhin said.

Researchers are working on long-term management and early identification practices of region-specific insects, like the emerald ash borer, and beech bark disease to try and reverse or slow the future effects of warming temperatures on forests.

Raffa said, "Uncertainty is the biggest outcome of climate change. We need to start thinking about the different processes involved in order to solve the problem."

### ORVs with orange flags are hunters with disabilities

Hunters enjoying Michigan's deer hunting seasons may spot a fellow hunter on an off-road vehicle with an orange flag. Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officers remind everyone that hunters using ORVs with orange flags are operating legally and should not be harassed.

A law approved in 2008 allows persons with disabilities who are hunting with proper permits to ride an ORV with an orange flag to identify themselves as a hunter with disabilities.

The law is intended to prevent misunderstandings between sportsmen and sportswomen that might arise when confronted with an ORV operating in an area open to hunting. It is important for hunters to understand that under certain circumstances, ORV use is permitted, said Lt. Andrew Turner of the DNR's Law Enforcement Division.

Turner said the law simply allows hunters with disabilities to display an orange flag if they so choose. The law does not require a flag, and there are no size or height requirements in the law for the flag. The DNR chose orange for the flag color because orange flags are readily available, highly visible, inexpensive and commonly used for safety purposes.

"It is important to note that the law does not grant any additional privileges, such as cross-country operation, for ORV operators with disabilities," Turner said. "It simply allows them to be identified as such."

For more information on hunting opportunities in Michigan, visit the DNR website [www.michigan.gov/hunting](http://www.michigan.gov/hunting).

## Loaning out kill tags is illegal

Every deer hunting season, Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officers encounter individuals engaged in unethical hunting practices and tackle many cases of individuals buying a hunting license after harvesting a deer or loaning kill tags to a friend or relative.

"Each year, we see cases of individuals waiting to buy licenses until after they have shot a deer," said Capt. Daniel Hopkins of the DNR's Law Enforcement Division. "We remind all hunters that you must buy your license before you go out to hunt and have it in your possession when afield. Buying a license is not only the ethical and responsible thing to do, it is the law. Harvesting a deer without a license is poaching."

Deer poaching in Michigan carries a restitution payment of \$1,000 per deer, a minimum \$200 fine and jail time of up to 90 days. In addition, a violator's hunting privileges may be suspended for up to three years. Another unethical practice encountered frequently each hunting season is loaning kill tags to an unlicensed individual who has harvested a deer.

"Every hunting season, loaning kill tags is in the top 10 violations we see while on patrol, and it seems to be a popular violation for friends or relatives," said Hopkins. "Kill tags must be attached immediately to your harvested deer and visible for inspection. It is unlawful to loan out or borrow kill tags."



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